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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED (P592 429 550)

Mr. Robert A. Malone, Director Environmental Affairs Kennecott P. O. Box 11248 Salt Lake City, Utah 84147



Dear Mr. Malone:

Re: Final Approval for "Phase I" of Kennecott's Mining and Reclamation Plan Amendment, UCD Modernization Project, ACT/035/002-I, Salt Lake County, Utah

The Division has completed the technical review of Kennecott's, Utah Copper Division, March 13, 1986 response (received March 18, 1986) to our February 14, 1986 tentative approval letter for the above-referenced project. The Notice of Tentative Approval was published in the <u>Salt Lake Tribune</u> on February 19, 1986 and the 30-day public comment period passed without incident as of March 21, 1986.

Kennecott's latest response satisfies the stipulations and requirements identified in the February 14, 1986 conditional approval. A reclamation performance bond in the amount of \$86,860.00 has been received by the Division and was accepted by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining on March 27, 1986. The Division hereby issues final approval for "Phase I" of the permit amendment.

"Phase I" permitting involves construction of a new access road to the proposed site location for the new grinding/milling facility. Preliminary site grading and excavation work for foundations at the grinding/milling site will also be performed. The access road right-of-way encompasses 48 acres and the grinding/milling site involves approximately 115 acres.

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No buildings or ancillary structures will be erected as part of "Phase I" construction activities. The remainder of the proposed development and construction will be approved as part of the "Phase II" permitting process for the modernization project.

A tentative meeting has been arranged for March 31, 1986 in the Division's offices to discuss Phase II permitting procedures and scheduling. This letter will serve as the approved permit for Kennecott to commence construction activities for "Phase I" of the UCD Modernization Project.

The Division's approval is contingent upon Kennecott's receipt of all other required state, county and/or federal permits.

The Division appreciates Kennecott's cooperation in completing this permitting activity. Should questions or concerns remain, please contact me or D. Wayne Hedberg of the permitting staff.

Sincerely,

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